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SUBJECT: NIAHO® (National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations) Critical Access Hospital Accreditation Requirements, Interpretive Guidelines and Surveyor Guidance, Revision 18

DISTRIBUTION: All DNV GL - Healthcare Current Customers and DNV GL Employees

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DNV GL is providing notice to DNV GL Healthcare Accredited and Certified Organizations of the release of NIAHO® (National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations) Critical Access Hospital Accreditation Requirements, Interpretive Guidelines and Surveyor Guidance, Revision 18.0.

NIAHO® CAH, Revision 18 features the following CMS-approved requirements:

- Medication Management.1 (MM.1) Management Practices - Revised MM.1 to clarify and align with accepted standards of practice regarding compounding.
- Infection Prevention and Control .1 (IC.1) Infection Prevention and Control System - Revised IC.1 to clarify and align with accepted standards of practice regarding antimicrobial stewardship.
- Appendix Swing Beds (SB-A) – Revised requirements for Critical Access Hospitals with Swing Bed programs. Reflect CMS technical revisions in the Special Requirements for Hospital Providers of Long-Term Care Services.

NIAHO® CAH, Revision 18 features the following other changes in requirements:

- Other changes to Standards, Interpretive Guidelines, Surveyor Guidance, and clarifying language appear in blue font in the NIAHO® CAH requirements document.
- Changes include a revision to the requirements for Patient Rights.7 (PR.7) Restraint or Seclusion to align with accepted standards of practice regarding restraint and seclusion.
- New with Revision 18 is an accompanying Change History, which provides a cross-reference to new or changed source requirements and the corresponding change to NIAHO® CAH requirements.
NIAHO® CAH Revision 18 is effective July 13, 2018 and supersedes Revision 16 and all prior Revisions.

DNV GL Revision numbers now reflect the year of publication. Subsequent revisions within a year will be numbered in sequence: 18-1, 18-2, etc. Note: Not all years will have a revision (there is no Revision 17).

Hospitals participating in the Medicare and Medicaid program are expected to comply with current Conditions of Participation. When new or revised requirements are published, hospitals are expected to demonstrate compliance in a time frame consistent with the effective date published by CMS in the Federal Register.

- Download: NIAHO Critical Access Hospital Accreditation Requirements, Interpretive Guidelines and Surveyor Guidance, Revision 18
- Download: NIAHO CAH Change History Revision 18

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Thank you.

Regards,

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